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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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**PATENT**

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0217
Serial No.:	09/024,988	Examiner:	Anne L. Holleran
Filed:	February 17, 1998	Art Unit:	1642
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: